

WHAT'S CK?

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BACK GROUND INFORMATION

GUIDELINES FOR ENGLISH EDUCATION IN JAPAN WILL CHANGE

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Up to Now

The focus was on reading and writing.

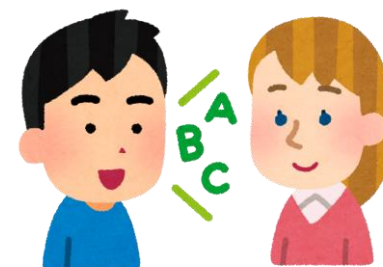
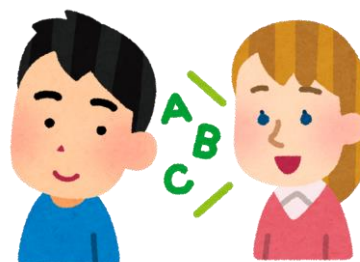
Change!



From Here and on

The focus will be on 4 skills

(Reading & Writing + Listening & Speaking) so that it is more practical enabling the children to actually communicate in English.



JHS & HS



Classes will be conducted using English. Speaking & Listening will be added to the usual Reading & Writing.

HS Entrance Exams



More weight will be shifted to Listening & Speaking. For some prefectures for more than 50% of the tests.

College Entrance Exams



English Proficiency Tests such as GTEC (BC brand) and TOEFL will be used as a part of the entrance exams.

However, this is STILL NOT ENOUGH to overcome the rapid changing English education environment.

This is why **there is a demand for products such as CK to support the students for their Listening & Speaking skills.**





ABOUT THE CK STUDENTS

C = **C**hugaku (Junior high school)

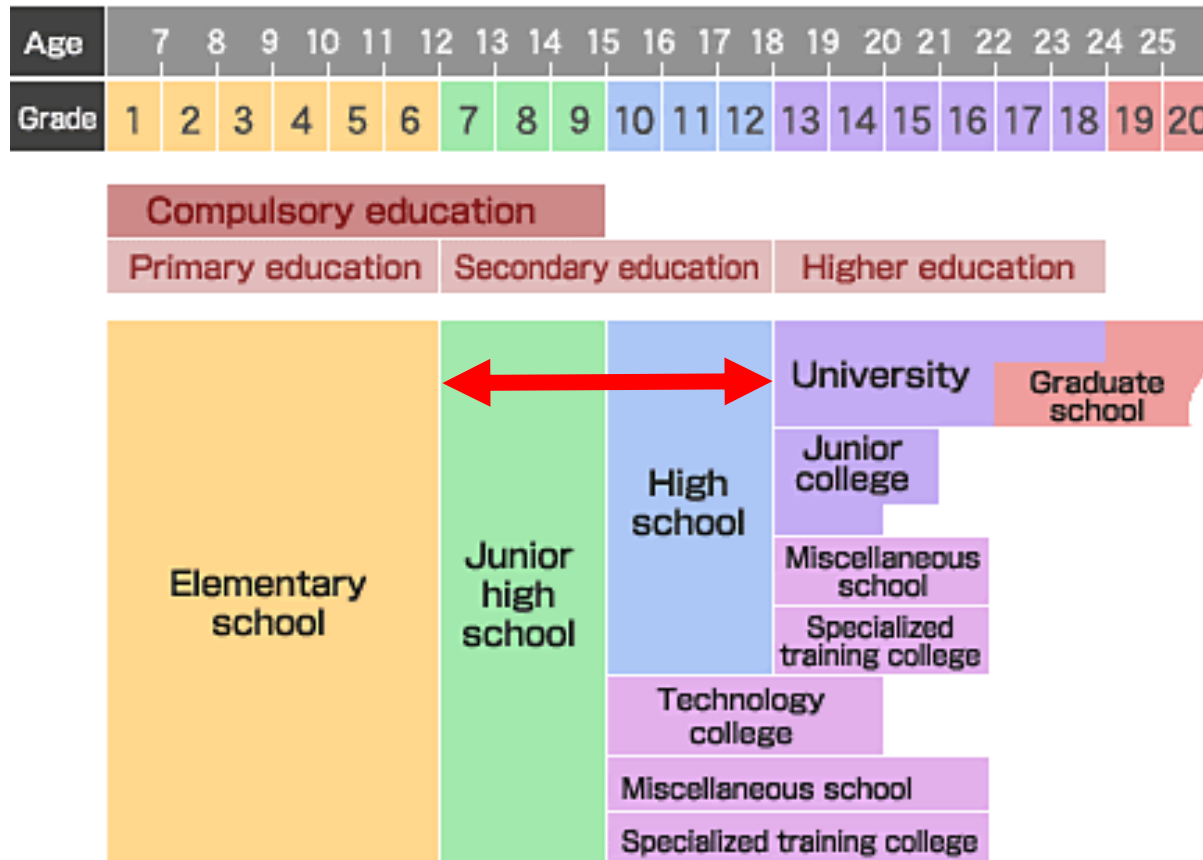
K = **K**oukou (High school)

WHAT “C”HUGAKU & “K”OUKOU IS

C = Chugaku (Junior high school) : **12~15 years old** Compulsory Education

K = Koukou (High school) : **15~18 years old** Non-Compulsory.

But 100% go on to HS.



CK students consists of students aiming for Higher education.

For both JHS & HS

- **3 years.**
- A school year starts in **April.**
- There are National, Public & Private schools
- There are intergrated schools (combined JHS & HS) in which case with no HS entrance exams. However, for students attending non-integrated schools they are kept busy with entrance exams re-occurring every 3 years.
- The private schools have more events than the national and public schools.
- Some schools have 2 semesters and others have 3.
- For 3 semester schools, summer vacation is during the months of July and August, winter vacation is during the months of December and January & spring vacation is during the months of March and April. The 2 semester schools have autumn break in September.

For both cases, **summer and winter vacations are long and sping and autumn are short with only a few days.**

The students **have lots of homework** during these breaks and many go to school to participate in school activities such as sports clubs and supplimentary classes.

Juku and afterschool activities offer intensive and special classes during these breaks.


- The students also have mid terms and finals.

Favorite Subjects for **Elementary School Students**

- What do you think is 1st place?
- What about English?

Favorite Subjects for **JHS Students**

- What do you think is 1st place?
- What about English?



See the next
slide for the
answer.

Answer!

Favorite Subjects for **Elementary School Students**

1st : Home Economics

2nd : Industrial Arts

3rd : P.E.

4th : Foreign Languages (English) Activities

5th : Science

Fun (NOT
graded)

Favorite Subjects for **JHS Students**

1st : P.E.

2nd : Home Economics & Industrial Arts

3rd : Integrated Studies & Activities on Self Awareness & Local Communities

4th : Music

5th : Social Studies

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10th : English

NOT Fun
(Graded)

Your job is to make the English

FUN! 😊



WHAT'S CK ONLINE TALK?

- The CK is for Japanese JHS & HS students.
- Presently 3 courses which can be taken according to grades and or English proficiency levels.



Rookie

Rough Level: 7th Grade
(Age: around 13)



Primary

Rough Level: 8th and 9th Grade
(Age: around 14-15)



Intermediate

Rough Level: 10th Grade
(Age: around 16)

- Each course has monthly lessons.
- Each course has OST (Online Speaking Test) 2 times per year.

— : OST

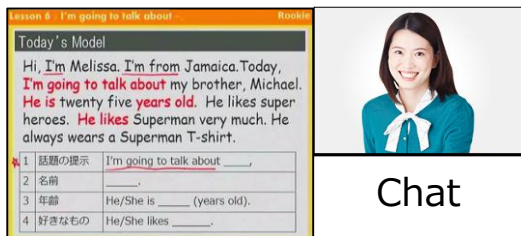
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1 month

Each course consists of monthly lessons with 4 steps.

Live Lecture (LL)

To deepen students' understanding.



Group Lesson with Japanese teacher.

30 mins.

Online Talk (OEL)

Offer an opportunity to speak with a foreigner.



One on One Lesson

20 mins.

CK Apps.

1 Month Cycle

LL

Step 1

Introduction

Prepares the student for Step 2.

OEL

Step 2

Recognition

Output of Step 1 during OEL.

LL

Step 3

Expansion

Reviews Step 2 and prepares for Step 4.

OEL

Step 4

Presentation

Final output of Step 1-3 during the OEL.

THE 5 ARTICLES FOR CK TEACHERS

★ Be generally interested in the students

- The student sitting in front of you is unique. Treat them as such for they are not just another lesson.
Don't treat them as children but respect them as people.

★ Match the student level

- Assess the student's English skills and decide on how you will guide the student matching each of their levels.
Conduct lessons that will have the students feel that the lesson was WORTHWHILE.

★ Use CORRECT forms of English expressions and writing

- Many of the CK students will take the courses to support their studies for the entrance exams.
Therefore, ACCURACY is the key. Responsibility and a sense of urgency is needed to execute lessons on a daily bases.

★ Take interest in the Japanese culture

- Keep up with current events, what's popular... share information with each other and stay updated.

★ Keep a good balance between praising and correcting

- The students are those who decided to take this course on top of their very busy daily routines.
PLEASE AMPLY PRAISE THEM for any accomplishments. However, overdoing it will have adverse affects and correcting is as important as praising to have the student progress.

Acquired Knowledge + A bit of a Challenging Spirit

Will lead to lessons that...

Will have the students realize that they have accumulated
USEFUL English expressions!

Thus the teachers
need to have...



English Instruction Skills

+



Student Assessment Skills

+



Curiosity